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Title: Iolo

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Iolo Fitzowen, a bowmaker and wandering minstrel of great repute, is known to all Britannia. Iolo was brought to our fair land by Lord British and the Orb of the Moons, as was his wife, Gwenno. As long as he has been in our land, first Sosaria, and now Britannia, Iolo has sought to bring music to its peoples. During the Three Ages of Darkness, he travelled to many cities, bringing his tales in the form of songs. It was during this time that he met Shamino, who would become one of his closest friends, and most trusted companions. As they both moved from place to place, they often accompanied one another, and their friendship grew. After the fall of Exodus, when Britannia was founded, Iolo settled in Britain, the City of Compassion. There he helped the children spread Compassion to all through their songs, until the Hero arrived on his quest for Avatarhood, and asked Iolo to join him. Iolo agreed, and followed the Hero through mountains high and dungeons deep, until at last his quest was attained. When the Avatar had left the world and the Codex raised from the Abyss, Iolo made his new home in the Forest of Yew, southeast of Empath

Abbey, where dwelt also  
the talking horse Smith.  
He also created Iolo's  
Bows in Britain, in which  
he was aided by his wife  
Gwenno. When Blacktorne  
assumed the throne when  
Lord British was lost,  
and the Shadowlords  
roamed the lands, Iolo  
was made a wanted man,  
and here he stayed, only  
venturing out when he  
and the other Companions  
summoned the Avatar.  
And it was here that the  
Avatar came, carrying  
Shamino, who had been  
struck down by the  
Shadowlords. At this time  
Iolo once again joined the  
Avatar in his quest, this  
time to save Lord British  
and Britannia. At last  
they succeeded, and the  
Avatar returned to his  
world, and Iolo to his  
home in the Forest of  
Yew.

Until the Avatar's next  
visit, Iolo continued to  
work at his shop in  
Britain, creating the  
finest bows and  
crossbows in the land.  
But when the Gargoyles  
summoned the Avatar to  
their land in an attempt  
to kill him, Iolo, along  
with Shamino and Dupre,  
rescued the Avatar, a  
bolt from Iolo's crossbow  
killing the Gargoyle priest  
instants before he would  
have plunged the  
sacrificial dagger into the  
Avatar's heart. Iolo  
accompanied the Avatar  
on this quest, and helped  
him to save Britannia  
from peril once again.  
During the Avatar's two  
century absence, Iolo  
continued to live in his  
home in the ever  
shrinking Yew, though he  
took long trips to many  
cities, including Trinsic.

Also during this time Iolo opened a new Iolo's branch, called Iolo's South, on the Isle of Deeds, near Serpent's Hold. His business in Britain flourished as well, and his newest invention, the triple-crossbow, sold well. During his last visit to Trinsic, Iolo's wife Gwenno journeyed to Buccaneer's Den, where she was searching for, and indeed found, information concerning the legendary Serpent Isle. Upon his return to his home in Yew, Iolo found a note telling where she had gone.

While visiting in Trinsic, the Avatar mysteriously appeared through a red moongate, which was later found to be the Time Lord's doing. Iolo and the Avatar set off to investigate a gruesome murder of the blacksmith Christopher and a wingless gargoyle. This lead them, along with the other Companions, to discover the true nature of the Fellowship, and the Guardian's plot to enter Brittania through the Black Gate. Iolo aided the Avatar in thwarting the Guardian's evil plans, and Brittania was safe once again.

When the Guardian trapped the entire castle within the huge Blackrock Gem, Iolo was trapped as well, along with the Avatar and many others. He was quick to give his friend advice and training as the Avatar braved the many perils before him, journeying to other worlds through the gem, in hope that he could somehow break the Guardian's power over the

Gem, which at last he did.

The last adventure of the intrepid bard was to the Serpent Isle, in a search to find his wife, Gwenno, and Batlin, who had escaped before the destruction of the Black Gate eighteen months earlier. While in Fawn, city of Beauty, Iolo was given the white diamond necklace by Lady Yelinda, ruler of Fawn, to give to Gwenno when she was found. It was during this time that he was possessed by the Bane of Chaos known as Madness, and destroyed the City of Fawn. The Avatar eventually exorcised the Bane from his friend's body, freeing him. Iolo was finally reunited with his beloved Gwenno on Monk Isle, after he was freed from the Bane. Iolo followed the Avatar to Sunset Isle and the Grand Shrine of Balance, until the Avatar entered the void and was taken away by the Guardian.